

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 10, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

RESTRICTION:

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application and stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121. In response thereto, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-6, identified as Group I, for prosecution in the present application, with traverse.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

Claims 1-6 stand objected to. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2, thereby obviating such objections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of such objections.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

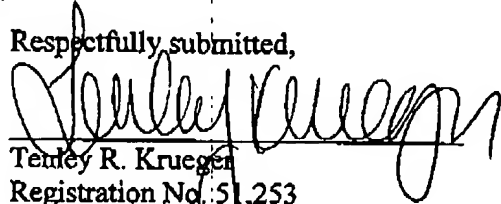
Claim 1 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 5,891,817 (*Shamshoum I*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,133,385 (*Shamshoum II*).

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,891,817 (*Shamshoum I*).

Applicants have added new claims 13 and 14 to reflect the discussion of May 3rd. As agreed, *Shamshoum I* and *Shamshoum II*, either alone or in combination, do not teach, show or suggest the new claims.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the references cited in the Office Action do not teach, show, or suggest the claimed features. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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